

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2048–S2134

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2200–2202, and S. Res. 409. **Page S2095**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 384, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis. **Page S2095**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Penn State University Wrestling Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 409, congratulating the Penn State University wrestling team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championships. **Page S2134**

Measures Considered:

Minimum Wage Fairness Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1737, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property. **Pages S2043–44**

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874, of a perfecting nature. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2045**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 96), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874 (listed above). **Page S2047**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2879, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2880 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2879), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2879 fell. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2881 (to Amendment No. 2880), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2880 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2879) fell. **Page S2045**

Reid Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2875), of a perfecting nature, fell as it was not in order to be offered and its pendency is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the offering of amendments, their number, degree, and kind. **Page S2045**

By 46 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 97), Senate failed to table Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877) (listed above). **Page S2081**

By 67 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 98), Senate tabled the appeal of the ruling of the Chair that Vitter Amendment No. 2931 is not in order to be offered and its pendency is inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the offering of amendments, their number, degree, and kind. **Page S2081**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2014,

and that all time during adjournment count post-cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Pages S2081–82, S2134

Portia Y. Wu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. Pages S2081–82, S2134

Deborah L. Bix, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—98) Pages S2047, S2081

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2134.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary of the Air Force, General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Stanley E. Clarke III, Director of the Air National Guard,

and Lieutenant General James F. Jackson, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Harold Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute, Gary H. Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Story Landis, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and Christopher P. Austin, Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY'S OFFICE OF TERRORISM AND FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ITS ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SANCTIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Treasury's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence and its administration and enforcement of sanctions, after receiving testimony from David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Lowell Pimley,

Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior; and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, after receiving testimony from Michael J. McCord, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Comptroller), John Conger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Major General Al Aycok, Director of Operations, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Brigadier General Michael E. Bobeck, Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard, and James B. Balocki, Command Executive Officer, United States Army Reserve Command, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant, and Lieutenant General Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, both of the United States Marine Corps, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military construction, environmental, energy, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John C. Conger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Sharon E. Burke, Assistant Secretary for Operational Energy Plans and Programs, Katherine G.

Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Kathleen I. Ferguson, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from M. Elaine Bunn, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Vice Admiral James D. Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General David L. Mann, USA, Commander, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Army Forces Strategic Command, and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

GENERAL MOTORS RECALL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine the General Motors (GM) recall and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) defect investigation process, after receiving testimony from David Friedman, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; and Mary Barra, General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.

DATA BREACHES AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine data breach on the rise, focusing on protecting personal information from harm, and how Federal agencies need to enhance responses to data breaches, after receiving testimony from Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; William Noonan, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Criminal Investigative Division, Cyber Operations Branch, Department of Homeland Security; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, The

Financial Services Roundtable, Washington, D.C.; Sandra L. Kennedy, Retail Industry Leaders Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Tiffany O. Jones, iSIGHT Partners, Inc., Chantilly, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana;

S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Easter Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; and

S. 1219, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN AFFAIRS BILLS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce

alcohol and drug abuse, S. 1570, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, S. 1574, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, S. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and S. 2160, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, after receiving testimony from former Senator Byron L. Dorgan, Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C.; Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Lillian Sparks Robinson, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Natasha Singh, Tribal Court Judge, Stevens Village, Alaska; Margaret Zientek, 447 Tribal Work Group, Shawnee, Oklahoma; and Leander Russell McDonald, Spirit Lake Tribe, Fort Totten, North Dakota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4365–4382; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 535–536 were introduced. **Pages H2853–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2854–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1425, to amend the Marine Debris Act to better address severe marine debris events, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–398, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 1491, to authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–399, Pt. 1). **Page H2853**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2805**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2809**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Bryan Smith, First Baptist Church Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia. **Page H2809**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 157 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 154. **Pages H2820–21**

Save American Workers Act of 2014: The House began consideration of H.R. 2575, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, April 3rd. **Pages H2813–21**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2821**

H. Res. 530, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 153, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 152. **Pages H2819–21**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2891, H2819–20 and H2820–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREST SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on United States Forest Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, United States Forest Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Ed Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Kevin Shea, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Anne Alonzo, Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service; Larry Mitchell, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEA AND STATE RESEARCH ON DRUG ABUSE IN AMERICA FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on DEA and State Research on Drug Abuse in America FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Michele M. Leonhart, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; and Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Customs and Border Protection FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, United States Customs and Border Protection.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Department of Labor FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary, Department of Labor.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Program held a hearing on the United Nations and International Organizations FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Health Program FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Woodson Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs; Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General, United States Army; Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Surgeon General United States Navy; and Lieutenant General Thomas W. Travis, Surgeon General, United States Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC HOUSING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on oversight of Public Housing. Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUESTS FROM U.S. FORCES KOREA AND U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from U.S. Forces Korea and U.S. Strategic Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral Cecil D. Haney, USN, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

GROUND FORCE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 Ground Force Modernization Programs. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General James O. Barclay III, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G8, Department of the Army; Tom Dee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management, Department of the Navy; Lieutenant General Glenn M. Walters, USA, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, Department of the Navy; and Major General Michael E. Williamson, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Department of the Army.

AIR FORCE PROJECTION FORCES AVIATION PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES RELATED TO THE 2015 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities related to the 2015 President's Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Major General James J. Jones, USAF, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, United States Air Force; William A. LaPlante, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Department of the Air Force; and Major General John F. Thompson, USAF, Air Force Program Executive Officer for Tankers, Tanker Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, United States Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee began a markup on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget For Fiscal Year 2015.

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH: MEETING THE NEEDS OF CONTEMPORARY STUDENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Keeping College within Reach: Meeting the Needs of Contemporary Students". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 EPA BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a joint hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2015 EPA Budget". Testimony was

heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

ENSURING THE SECURITY, STABILITY, RESILIENCE, AND FREEDOM OF THE GLOBAL INTERNET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "Ensuring the Security, Stability, Resilience, and Freedom of the Global Internet". Testimony was heard from Larry Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION WITHIN THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau". Testimony was heard from Angela Martin, Senior Enforcement Attorney, Consumer Financial Services and General Government Protection Bureau; and public witnesses.

THE CRUDE TRUTH: EVALUATING U.S. ENERGY TRADE POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled "The Crude Truth: Evaluating U.S. Energy Trade Policy". Testimony was heard from Senator Murkowski; and public witnesses.

TAKING DOWN THE CARTELS: EXAMINING UNITED STATES-MEXICO COOPERATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Taking Down the Cartels: Examining United States-Mexico Cooperation". Testimony was heard from James Dinkins, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; John D. Feeley, Principal Deputy, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Alan D. Bersin, Assistant Secretary of International Affairs, and Chief Diplomatic Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

THE NATIONAL ZOO OF TODAY AND TOMORROW; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The National Zoo of Today and Tomorrow—An Innovative Center Focused on

the Care and Conservation of the World's Species; and markup on H.R. 863, the "Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum Act of 2013". Testimony was heard from Dennis Kelly, Director, Smithsonian Institution, National Zoological Park; Steven Monfort, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, Smithsonian Institution; and a public witness. The bill, H.R. 863, was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4292, the "Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act"; and H.R. 4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes. H.R. 4292 and H.R. 4323 were ordered reported, without amendment.

PRESERVATION AND REUSE OF COPYRIGHTED WORKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Preservation and Reuse of Copyrighted Works". Testimony was heard from Gregory Lukow, Chief, Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

UNDERCOVER STOREFRONT OPERATIONS: CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OF ATF'S RECKLESS INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Undercover Storefront Operations: Continued Oversight of ATF's Reckless Investigative Techniques". Testimony was heard from B. Todd Jones, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

BITCOIN: EXAMINING THE BENEFITS AND RISKS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Bitcoin: Examining the Benefits and Risks for Small Business". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET: ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES FOR THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget: Administration Priorities for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers". Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army—Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Thom-

as P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

EXAMINING ISSUES FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Examining Issues for Hazardous Materials Reauthorization". Testimony was heard from Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

VA AND HUMAN TISSUE: IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED FOR VETERANS SAFETY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "VA and Human Tissue: Improvements Needed for Veterans Safety". Testimony was heard from Philip Matkovsky, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

FEDERAL MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BENGHAZI TALKING POINTS AND MICHAEL J. MORELL'S ROLE IN SHAPING THE ADMINISTRATION'S NARRATIVE

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Benghazi Talking Points and Michael J. Morell's Role in Shaping the Administration's Narrative". Testimony was heard from Michael Morell, Former Acting Director and Deputy Director, CIA.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D336)

H.R. 4302, to amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Signed on April 1, 2014. (Public Law 113-93)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Food and Drug Administration., 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 491, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, S. 1961, to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, S. 224, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay, S. 2080, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, S. 2042, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, S. 1934, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming, S. 2055, to allow for the collection of certain user fees by non-Federal entities, Corps Study Resolution: Point Judith, Rhode Island, and GSA Resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Expiring Provisions Improvement Reform and Efficiency (EXPIRE) Act", an original bill entitled, "The Tax Technical Corrections Act of 2014", and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine evaluating United States policy on Taiwan on the 35th anniversary of the "Taiwan Relations Act" (TRA), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on Russia, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and the nominations of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of

Illinois, Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Damon Paul Martinez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing to Review the State of the Rural Economy, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, markup on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2015, 11 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 1 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on National Park Service FY 2015 Budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Food Safety FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Missile Defense Agency, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Small Business Administration FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Oversight of Department of Transportation Modes, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on United States Fish and Wildlife Service FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

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